CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
         Davison Douglas—Dean, William & Mary Law School
         Roy Hogland—Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center

9:00 am  Keynote: The Honorable Ralph Northam
         Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

9:45 am  Panel: Financing Coastal Change and Adaptation
         Can local government challenges such as maintenance of bond ratings be met through the
         innovative use of existing Virginia governmental structures?

         Moderator: Stephanie Hamlett, Esq.—Executive Director, Virginia Resources Authority
         Neal Menkes—Director of Fiscal Policy, Virginia Municipal League
         Christopher Thompson—Deputy Director of Housing, Virginia Department of Housing and
         Community Development
         Sarah Frey—Financial Advisor, The PFM Group
         Roland Knoch—Financial Advisor, Davenport & Company
         Ron Williams—Deputy City Manager, City of Norfolk
         Matthew Wall—Hazard Mitigation Officer, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

11:00 am  Break

11:15 am  Panel: State Trust Funds & Banks: What’s Happening?
         Some states are utilizing the concept of governmental banks or revolving loan funds to assist
         in responding to the economic challenges of coastal change and adaptation. Should Virginia
         consider adopting such a tool? How would it be funded?

         Moderator: Joseph Maroon—Executive Director, Virginia Environmental Endowment

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Williamsburg Winery, courtesy of the Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic.
Jim Gebhardt—Senior Advisor to the US EPA Deputy for Water, US EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center
The Honorable Lynwood Lewis—Virginia Senator (6th District)
Walton C. Shepherd, Esq.—Staff Attorney, Energy & Transportation Program, Natural Resources Defense Council; Member, Virginia Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission

12:05 pm Lunch:

12:30 pm Keynote: The Honorable Gina McCarthy
US EPA Administrator

1:30 pm Panel: Integrating Environmental Justice in Economics of Resiliency Decisions
When examining the economic realities of responding to sea level rise and recurrent flooding, relying on a cost-benefit analysis that looks at 'the biggest bang for the buck' may well ignore the interests of disenfranchised, minority, and other socially vulnerable communities. How do we factor environmental justice considerations into economic decisions?

Moderator: Troy Hartley—Director, Virginia Sea Grant Program
Jalonne White-Newsome, Ph. D.—Director of Federal Policy, WE ACT
Vernice Miller-Travis—Senior Associate, Skoe Solutions

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Panel: A Snapshot of Creative Local Government Responses to the Economic Challenges of Resiliency Actions
Some local governments in coastal Virginia have already begun to respond to the economic challenges that climate change impacts present. These are a few of them.

Moderator: Skip Stiles—Executive Director, Wetlands Watch
Lewis L. Lawrence, III—Executive Director, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Meg Pittenger—Environmental Manager, City of Portsmouth
Ellen Roberts—City Engineer, City of Poquoson

3:45 pm Break

4:00 pm Keynote: The Honorable Rob Wittman
US Congressman (VA-1)

4:45 pm Closing
Roy Hougland—Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center

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